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The McCorsley, Coulton and Spinelli patents are discussed in the present application in paragraph nos. 0003 and 0004. The other patents relate generally to roof vents.

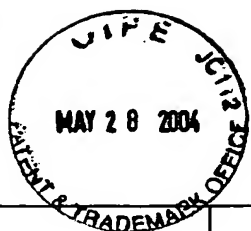
This application was filed after June 30, 2003. Thus, a copy of the cited U.S. patent is not required to be provided herewith and is not provided herewith.

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